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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM ROC PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN

1. THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING BICENTENNIAL
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN:
QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

- ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OUR HEARTFELT FELICITATIONS ON THE BICENTENNIAL OF
THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IN
CELEBRATING THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION THE PEOPLE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA JOIN WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN
THEIR REDEDICATION TO THE LOFTY IDEALS OF THE AMERICAN
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REVOLUTION. WE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ARE CONFIDENT

THAT THE TRADITIONAL RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE INTERESTS OF OUR TWO PEOPLES, AND THAT AMERICA'S LEADERSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE ALL FREE NATIONS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

- (SIGNED) YEN CHIA-KAN
- PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
- OF CHINA

UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN: QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

- ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

- AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE DETERMINATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT THESE IDEALS WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

- SINCERELY,

- GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

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